

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**December 12, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7 PM, at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Board members present were: Supervisor Scee, C'man Stephen Lee, C'man Todd Farrington, C'man Vincent Battista and C'man Richard Young.

A motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Young to approve minutes of the meeting held on 11/14/12. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee received correspondence: A thank you card from the Rohde Center food pantry, invitation from South Jeff school for a Christmas dinner next Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup>, to the Board and Highway Dept. employees. He also received emails concerning signage on NYS Rt. 3 which is being dealt with by Zoning and Planning.

The Supervisor's Report for November was read by the Clerk to the Supervisor: Total receipts \$887,956.86, Total disbursements \$936,350.63, Total checking account \$732,697.23, Total investments \$601,384.37.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to accept the Supervisor's Report. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Abstract # 12, vouchers # 715-774 was presented: General Fund A \$26,483.09, General Fund B \$5,602.11, Highway Fund A \$20,224.57, Highway Fund B \$844.35, Water District 2 \$9,672.96, Water District 5 \$813.28, Water District 1 \$1,571.59, Water District 4 \$2,275.95, Water District 3 \$75,840.90, Water District 5 Capital Fund \$557,206.48, Abstract #12 Total \$700,535.28.

Supervisor Scee explained that the check that was held last month (to Sackets Harbor for water) will remain on hold because there is no resolution on that bill as yet. C'man Farrington had a question on the water bill from the City of Watertown but he will wait and ask the Water Superintendent.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lee to pay the bills in abstract #12. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Lee reported that the main line for water district 5 is in and the remaining residents will now be hooked up.

C'man Young reported that he attended the Economic Development Committee meeting and the next meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> for planning. He also attended the Hay Memorial Library meeting, the automated circulation system is all in place and the drawing was held for the American Girl 1812 doll. They have a fundraiser planned for spring: "If JFK Were Alive Today". There was no meeting for East Hounsfield Library. C'man Young provided Board members with a copy of the union contract that was approved last month.

C'man Battista reported that he attended the December Fire Dept. meeting, there were 9 fire calls in November and at the house fire on the Burton road. There were 17 firefighters in attendance. There were 2 ambulance calls. Fowl Play was a successful fundraiser making \$700. The dept. is in process of building offices at the Municipal building for Fire Dept. officers. A former rescue truck was sold to the Jefferson County Star Team. A venison feast is planned for February or March. Forms for water usage will be placed in the trucks to fill out for the Water Dept.

C'man Farrington reported that he attended the Recreation Commission meeting and the skating rink is set up behind the Municipal building. He also reported that he has had discussions with Trustee Laduc about the overcharge on the water bill and that is still being reviewed.

After asking a few questions on the new recreation commission budget, C'man Lee made a motion to pass the submitted 2013-2014 budget for the Recreation Commission and C'man Battista 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

C'man Farrington announced for the Highway Superintendent, who was absent, that the Christmas Party for the Highway Department will be held this Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup> at noon.

At this time C'man Farrington opened sealed bids on the 2003 pick up truck that was used for the Water Dept:

James Harter, Calcium, NY bid \$4450. Kevin Bleam, Philadelphia, NY bid \$3500.50  
Nick Surdo, Watertown, NY bid \$2150. Bruce Alcombrack, Watertown, NY bid \$4150. Pete Daly, Sackets Harbor, NY bid \$3200

C'man Lee made a motion and C'man Battista 2<sup>nd</sup> to sell the 2003 pick up truck to James Harter, Calcium, NY for \$4450. He must pick it up within 30days and pay with a cashier's check. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Town Clerk gave a collections report for November and also reported that she attended a Lakeside Cemetery Committee meeting. She also notified the Board that the application for the NYSERDA rebate program on energy star equipment has been submitted, processed, all requirements have been met and payment is pending to the Town. A total of \$10,762.97 in equipment was purchased and the state will rebate a sum of \$8,072.23.

Marlene Lennox was present to report that the Sulphur Springs Fire Station Ladies Auxiliary's annual recognition was held and members receiving lifetime membership were: Anita Roach for serving 41 years, Alice Alcombrack for serving 41 years, and Bonnie Lawrence for serving 34 years.

Mrs. Lennox also gave a Zoning Officer's Report.

The Economic Development Director, Peter Bryant, was present to give a quarterly report. He reported that he attended seminars on economic development, the Samaritan primary care clinic should be open in early April in the Barracks, the Lawler development is moving along in the barracks, and JRC may be discontinuing management of the Harbor Market. He also reported that he has been in contact with the Road Scholar trips for seniors about putting Sackets Harbor on their line up of places to visit.

Corey Reid of Bernier, Carr Associates was present to give an update on Water District 5 construction. There are only about twenty customers left to hookup.

At this time C'men Farrington and Lee asked the Water Superintendent about how the bills for water from Watertown are formulated and he informed the Board that each unit of water billed from them is actually 748 gallons of water.

Supervisor Scee reported that he has a request from the Planning Board that their members be paid per meeting in the future instead of a yearly salary. Since some members attend more meetings than others the payment would reflect the effort of the members. After a discussion a motion was made by C'man Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Battista to table this matter. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The end of year meeting was scheduled for 12/31/12 at 3 PM and this meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane M. Nier, Town Clerk

